

**ADVISORY BOARD ON TEACHER EDUCATION
AND LICENSURE (ABTEL) MEETING**

MINUTES

Meeting Date and Location: January 28, 2013
DoubleTree Hotel – Richmond Airport
Richmond, Virginia

ABTEL Members Present:

Debra Abadie	Charlotte B. Hayer	Dr. James T. Roberts
Rena Berlin	Kathy Heil	Kate Sydney
Bonnie Bowen	Dr. Susan G. Magliaro	Janice B. Underwood
Dr. Cathy Fisher	Dr. Brian Matney	Vern Williams
Dr. Courtney Gaskins	Patricia McGloine	
Thelma Hampton	Nancy Moga	

ABTEL Members Absent: Kenneth LaLonde
Ruth Wallace

Board of Education Liaison: Betsy Beamer (absent)

Ex-Officio Members: Dr. Monica Osei
State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

Dr. Chris Pfautz for Dr. Susan Wood
Virginia Community College System

Patty S. Pitts
Virginia Department of Education

Department of Education Staff: Dr. Mark R. Allan
Dr. JoAnne Y. Carver

Guests: Dr. James Batterson, Former Senior Advisor to the
Commonwealth, STEM Initiatives
Cathy Owens-Oliver, Educational Testing Service
Martin Karlin, Evaluation Systems group of Pearson
Paul Joseph, Joseph Educational Consulting Services
Tamara Sober, Virginia Education Association
Dr. James Alouf, Sweet Briar College

NEW-MEMBER ORIENTATION

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Dr. JoAnne Y. Carver, director of teacher education, and Dr. Mark R. Allan, director of licensure and school leadership, Division of Teacher Education and Licensure, Virginia Department of Education, conducted a new-member orientation.

FULL ADVISORY BOARD CONVENES

9:00 a.m.

- **Opening Remarks and Welcome**

Charlotte B. Hayer, chair of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure, called the meeting to order and welcomed members and guests. Ms. Hayer introduced two new members of the Advisory Board, Thelma Hampton and Bonnie Bowen.

- **Approval of Agenda**

Debra Abadie made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Patricia McGloine seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

- **Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Cathy Fisher made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2012, Advisory Board meeting. Rena Berlin seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

- **Public Comment**

Dr. Jim Batterson, former advisor to the Commonwealth on STEM initiatives, provided the Board with a proposal from the Virginia Manufacturers Association and the American Council of Engineering Companies of Virginia to modify the *Licensure Regulations for School Personnel* to establish an endorsement in engineering. An additional proposal was presented to modify the *Licensure Regulations for School Personnel* to allow a major in engineering as an equivalent to a major in another science. Specifically, this proposal recommends that a teacher with an endorsement in engineering could add another science endorsement by completing 18 semester-hour credits in that specific field of science (e.g., biology, chemistry, Earth science, physics).

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- **Report on January 10, 2013, Board of Education Agenda Items Regarding Teacher Education and Licensure**

Patty S. Pitts, assistant superintendent, Division of Teacher Education and Licensure, Virginia Department of Education, stated that the following Advisory Board recommendations were presented for first review at the January 10, 2013, Board of Education meeting. The items will be considered for final review at the February 28, 2013, meeting of the Board.

- First Review of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure's Recommendation to Grant Approval to Add New Education (Endorsement) Programs at Averett University, Mary Baldwin College, Radford University, Regent University, University of Virginia, and Virginia Commonwealth University.
- First Review of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure's Recommendation to Grant Approval to Washington and Lee University (Rockbridge Teacher Education Consortium – RTEC) to Offer Education (Endorsement) Programs.

ACTION ITEMS

- **First Review of the Standard-Setting Study and Recommendation for a Passing Score for the Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment (VCLA)**

Dr. Mark Allan, director of licensure and school leadership, Division of Teacher Education and Licensure, presented the agenda item, First Review of the Standard-Setting Study and Recommendation for a Passing Score for the Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment. Dr. Allan introduced Dr. Martin Karlin, vice president of assessment services, Evaluations Systems group of Pearson, who made a presentation on the Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment, including the test design, the standard-setting process, the standard-setting report, and the recommended passing score from the standard-setting committee. The Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure received the report for first review.

- **First Review of the Standard-Setting Study and Recommendation for a Passing Score for the New Praxis II Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (5031) Test Developed by the Educational Testing Service**

Dr. Mark Allan, director of licensure and school leadership, Division of Teacher Education and Licensure, presented the agenda item, First Review of the Standard-Setting Study and Recommendation for a Passing Score for the Praxis II Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (5031) Test developed by the Educational Testing Service. Dr. Allan introduced Cathy Owens-Oliver, client relations director, Educational Testing Service, who made a presentation on the Praxis II Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (5031) Test, including the test design, the

standard-setting process, the standard-setting report, and the recommended cut score from the standard-setting committee. The Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure received the report for first review.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Standing Committees met from 11 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Teacher Education Committee

Dr. Sue Magliaro, chair of the Teacher Education Committee, presented to the full Advisory Board the background information and the Teacher Education Committee recommendation for the following agenda item: Review of Approval of a Recommendation to Accredite the Teacher Education Program at Sweet Briar College through a process Approved by the Board of Education.

The Teacher Education Committee recommended that the Advisory Board on Teacher Education recommend that the Board of Education accept the onsite review team’s recommendation that the professional education program at Sweet Briar College be “accredited,” indicating that the program has met the standards set forth in 8VAC20-542-60 of the Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia.

The Committee’s recommendation was approved unanimously.

Teacher Licensure Committee

Kathy Heil, chair of the Teacher Licensure Committee, reported that the Teacher Licensure Committee had an informational discussion on the process of revising the *Licensure Regulations for School Personnel*. There was no recommendation from the Teacher Licensure Committee.

PRESENTATIONS

- **Presentation on the *Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia***
- Dr. JoAnne Y. Carver, director of teacher education, Division of Teacher Education and Licensure, made an informational presentation on the *Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia*. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation was provided to Advisory Board members.

LIAISON REPORTS

The Virginia Community College System (VCCS)

There was no report from VCCS.

The Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV)

Dr. Monica Osei, assistant director for academic affairs and student programs, SCHEV, presented the following updates:

- This year marks the 27th anniversary of the statewide Outstanding Faculty Awards program that honors faculty members for excellence in teaching, research, knowledge, integration, and public service. The 12 recipients were selected from a pool of 109 applicants and will be recognized during a February 12, 2013, ceremony. Each recipient will receive an engraved award and a \$5,000 check, underwritten by the Dominion Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Dominion Resources.
- Virginia College Application Week was held November 26-30, 2013, at 16 public high schools, spanning each region of the Commonwealth. This pilot event was coordinated collaboratively among the Secretary of Education's Office, SCHEV, and the Council of Independent Colleges of Virginia. This week was designed to increase the number of college applications completed by Virginia high school students, with an emphasis on those from low-income households. A total of 2,630 applications were completed as a result of the Virginia College Application Week.
- Super Saturday 2013 is scheduled on Saturday, February 9, 2013, when individuals seeking funding for post-secondary education can receive general information about available college financial aid resources and free, one-on-one assistance in completing the federal financial aid form, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Virginia Department of Education (VDOE)

Mrs. Patty Pitts informed Advisory Board members that they could review proposed education bills and resolutions on the Virginia Department of Education's Web site (<http://www.doe.virginia.gov/boe/legislation/index.shtml>).

Mrs. Pitts also reported that the Praxis I standard-setting study would be held in February 2013.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISCUSSION

Dr. Sue Magliaro shared that the Virginia Association of Colleges of Teacher Education (VACTE) was in support of House Bill No. 1537 currently being considered by the General Assembly. The

bill relates to requirements of student teachers and student teacher supervisors for fingerprinting, criminal history records checks, and child abuse and neglect registry data.

Rene Berlin provided information on a class *Questions of Conscience* being offered by the Virginia Holocaust Museum in cooperation with the University of Richmond. She also provided information on Outreach Educational Programs offered through the Virginia Holocaust Museum.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure was adjourned.